

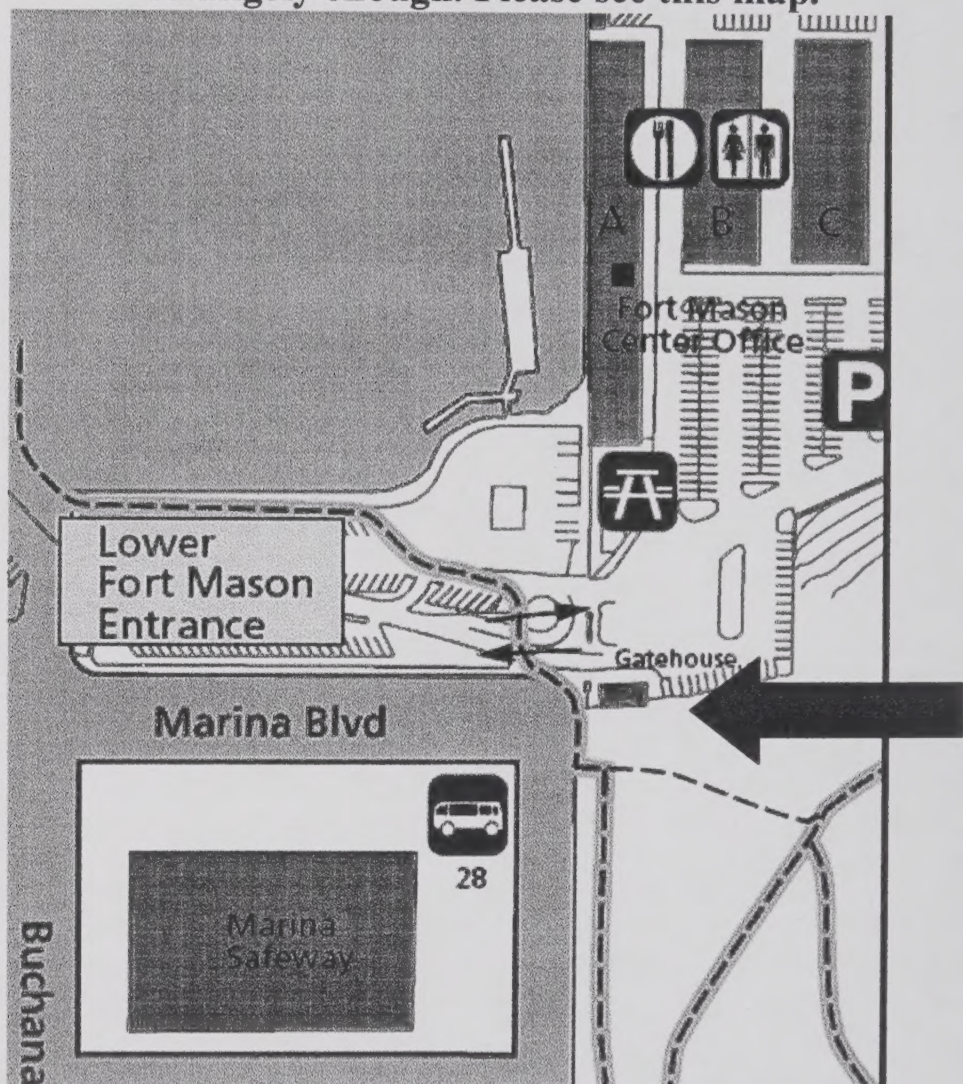


**1100th meeting of the
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society**
7:00PM Wednesday December 19, 2007
Gatehouse, Fort Mason
San Francisco, California

Annual Holiday Potluck!
Everyone!

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Two important announcements regarding the 1100th meeting of the PCNS. First, the date has been changed to Wednesday, December 19, 2007 in order not to conflict with the holiday. Second, because of the date change, the location is the Gatehouse at Fort Mason. The gatehouse is easy to find, it is right next to the gate at Fort Mason, strangely enough. Please see this map.



The event, of course, at this milestone 1100th meeting is the annual holiday party. Traditionally, it is a potluck party, so bring some tasty to eat! Always very much fun and the early date should make it easier for all to join us! Hope to see you there!

1099th meeting, Turkey Coins *Everyone!* (reported by Sandra Peters)

In what has become a Thanksgiving PCNS tradition, the November meeting was a chance for members to show interesting items from the collections in an extended format. The evening had a good share of "turkeys" and few "eagles" as well.

Jerry Schimmel gave us our "evening Chinese lesson." He had a large, gold colored chinese cash coin replica that represented the 50th anniversary of the Far East Cafe. Ken said the food there was edible but not outstanding. The cafe is at 631 Grant. He tried to find the opening date and decided it was either 1970 or 1981. He also had a Manhattan Savings Bank coin from the 1960's with a similar design. The chinese words on it that suggested it was auspicious for one's life and had been on a key chain.

Ken had a "coin with sizzle." It was an example of an Ecuadorian coin from "Moby Dick" that is mentioned in Chapter 99 when captain Ahab nails it to a mast. He says that whoever sees the white whale first gets the coin. Ken drew a diagram of the reverse of the coin that showed signs of the zodiac, with the sun crossing from virgo to libra which showed it to be from the autumnal equinox. The obverse was their "miss liberty."

Mark W. Clark had a coin with names of Algerian cities on it that he had gotten from a bag of coins someone gave him. It turned out to be a bangle made of brass for a belly dancer.

Scott Annechino showed 4 beautiful 8 and 4 reales coins from Mexico and Peru that were graded mint state by NGC.

At the other end of the turkey/eagle spectrum, Michael Wehner showed counterfeit Mexican coins from 1732 and 1733 and a genuine 8 reales salvaged from the sea. Ugly!

Whalen showed two sets of Canadian millennium quarters that were truly very ugly. He also showed a coin for the bicentenary of Cook's rediscovery of New Zealand and an Eisenhower commemorative from the Marshall Islands that were also far from handsome.

Steve Huston didn't think he had brought anything but checked his pocket and found a brand new 2007 Wyoming quarter. All agreed it is possibly the worst design of the state quarter series!

Sandra showed a counterfeit US \$3 gold piece which was the object of much discussion and loupe examinations.

Ed showed a folder about Benjamin Franklin and how he wanted a turkey to be our national bird. Franklin admired wild turkeys for their bravado and detested eagles because they eat carrion. He lost the debate...

Sebastian Zurek showed some beautiful silver coins from Poland. One honored June 24 as the longest night or summer solstice. Another had a hologram based on a 750 AD coin.

Raffle

Jerry - a 1984 election medal from France

Ed - a Post Toasties watch fob

Sebastian - An Ellis Island proof half dollar, 1986

Jerry - a 1963 Proof dime

Sandra - a gold chain with a large bezel but no coin!